Welcome to the summer issue of the IALS Library newsletter.

In this issue we have exciting news about our newly refurbished 3rd floor reading room. We also have an update on new database subscriptions and changes to existing platforms.

Have you registered with IALS Library yet? Don’t delay, join today!

IALS Library is the national research library for law and home to one of the largest legal research collections in Europe. Membership of the library is freely available for PhD students and academic staff from across the UK. Once you have joined the library, you will have access to our extensive print collections of UK, foreign, international and comparative law, as well as many online databases and e-book collections which are available remotely.

For more information on joining the library, see our website or email ials.libadmin@sas.ac.uk.

In addition to a complete fit-out of new lighting, services, carpet, toilets etc, the floor has all new desks/chairs, 19 private study carrels and a 6 position central computer hub in the same position as the 4th floor.

As part of the relocation, all the books to be moved were thoroughly cleaned. The original library shelving has been cleaned and re-used. Plans are in place to add new wooden end panels to the shelving to refresh it in line with the transformation of the library floors.

On Monday 8th July Overbury commenced work on the 2nd floor, the next floor to undergo transformation, exactly according to the project programme. The Library
IALS PhD Thesis Book Prize competition winner announced

Congratulations to Dr Virginie Rouas, the winner of the first ever IALS PhD Thesis Book Prize. As the winner of the competition, Dr Rouas was awarded with a publishing contract with the IALS Open Book Service for Law. The title of the winning thesis was ‘In Search of Corporate Accountability: Transnational Litigation against Multinational Enterprises in France and the Netherlands’.

Find out more about the IALS Open Book Service for Law on our website.

IALS Blog relaunch

IALS Blog is a place for us to promote and disseminate the results of advanced study and research in law. The blog has recently been given an updated new look and we are seeking posts from a wider pool of contributors. If you are an academic, PhD or MPhil researcher and would like to submit a post, we would love to hear from you. Submit online, or email ials.blog-submissions@sas.ac.uk.

IALS Library summer opening hours

From Monday 17th June to Friday 13th September 2019 IALS operates the following summer vacation hours:

- Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm
- Saturday 10.00am to 5.30pm
- Sunday closed

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Coffee, snacks and refreshments will be available at the 3rd floor reading room until 5.00pm daily.

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Feedback, comments, questions and concerns are very welcome and can be sent to the Project Team by emailing ials2020@london.ac.uk.

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The newly re-opened 3rd floor reading room
Calling all PhD & MPhil law researchers: add your thesis title to the Current Legal Research Topics database

**Current Legal Research Topics (CLRT)** is a freely available database, created and maintained at IALS Library. CLRT aims to list the topics of PhD/MPhil legal research currently in progress at UK universities.

The database is designed to benefit the postgraduate legal research community by enabling users to find out what research in currently underway. Each year IALS Library updates the database by contacting UK law schools and asking them to provide us with information about the research currently taking place at their school. The update for 2019 is now underway.

If you are a PhD or MPhil student and you want your research to be listed in the database, you can submit a record directly to us using the **online submission form**.

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**TradeLawGuide**

TradeLawGuide is a new subscription database, available onsite at IALS and remotely to IALS and SAS staff, fellows and students, University of London law staff and postgraduate students and all other IALS Library academic members. TradeLawGuide provides research tools for WTO law. Use this database to search WTO agreements, instruments, jurisprudence, dispute documents, and Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) minutes. Article and jurisprudence citators allow you to update WTO law, and a Subject Navigator tool indexes materials by subject. A Quick Lookup tool displays the latest jurisprudence on any WTO provision.


**Mohr Siebeck eLibrary Law Journals**

The Mohr Siebeck eLibrary is available onsite at IALS and remotely to IALS and SAS staff, fellows and students, University of London law staff and postgraduate students and all other IALS Library academic members. It provide full-text electronic access to 8 subscription law journals published by Mohr Siebeck: Archiv des öffentlichen Rechts, Archiv des Völkerrechts, Archiv für die civilistische Praxis, JuristenZeitung, Rabels Zeitschrift für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht, Wissenschaftrecht, Zeitschrift für evangelisches Kirchenrecht, Zeitschrift für geistiges Eigentum.


**Practical Law**

Practical Law is a new subscription database, available onsite at IALS to all non-commercial library members, and available remotely to IALS staff, fellows and students (Shibboleth account required). Covering 29 UK legal practice areas, Practical Law provides a range of resources including current awareness, practice notes, market analysis, standard documents and full text access to PLC Magazine from...
Access Practical Law via IALS Electronic Law Library
http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library or directly from the IALS library catalogue http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3771996~S6

**Westlaw International Materials**

Westlaw International Materials is available onsite at IALS to all non-commercial library members via Westlaw UK (go to the ‘Services’ menu and select ‘International Materials’). Remote access is available to IALS staff, IALS fellows and IALS students (Shibboleth account required). Westlaw IM contains legislation, case law and journals relating to the United States, Australia and Canada. It also has a few resources from Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and elsewhere, as well as international law cases, treaties and journals.

Access Westlaw IM via IALS Electronic Law Library
http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library or directly from the IALS library catalogue http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3740816~S6

**LexisLibrary International**

LexisLibrary International is available onsite at IALS to all academic library members and remotely to IALS staff, IALS fellows and IALS students. This new platform contains cases, secondary materials, legislation, forms & precedents relating to Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, and the United States. You can access LexisLibrary International via LexisLibrary by selecting ‘International Content’ on the ‘Cases’, ‘Journals’ or ‘Legislation’ search forms, or on the ‘Sources’ page. You can also access LexisLibrary International directly from the IALS library catalogue http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b2909755~S6

**Access to IALS Electronic Resources**

Due to occasional URL changes and platform switches by some of our electronic suppliers, we recommend that you always access our e-resources via the IALS Electronic Law Library http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library or directly from the IALS library catalogue http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/search~S6.

This will ensure that you are accessing the most up-to-date electronic resource.

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**Book News**

By Carole Farmer, Assistant Librarian – Information Resources

**Gender and the Law of the Sea**

Irini Papanicolopulu (Brill/Nijhoff, 2019)

In Gender and the Law of the Sea a distinguished group of law of the sea and feminist scholars critically engages with one of the oldest fields of international law.

While the law of the sea has been traditionally portrayed as a technical, gender-neutral set of rules, of concern to States rather than humans, authors in this volume persuasively argue that critical feminist perspectives are needed to question the underlying assumptions of ostensibly gender-neutral norms.

Coming at a time when the presence of women at sea is increasing, the volume forcefully and successfully argues that legal rules are relevant to ensure gender equality and the empowerment of women at sea, in an effort to render law for the oceans more inclusive. Publications on ocean development series

**Law and regulation of mobile payment systems: issues arising 'post' financial inclusion in Kenya**

Joy Malala (Routledge, 2019)

Over the last ten years mobile payment systems have revolutionised banking in some countries in Africa. In Kenya the introduction of M-Pesa, a new financial services model, has transformed the banking and financial services industry. Giving the unbanked services model, has transformed the banking and financial services industry. Giving the unbanked majority access to the financial services market it has attracted over 18 million subscribers which is remarkable given that fewer than 4 million people in Kenya have bank accounts.

This book addresses the legal and regulatory issues arising out of the introduction of M-Pesa in Kenya and its drive towards financial inclusion. It considers the interaction between regulation and technological innovation with a particular focus on the regulatory tools, institutional arrangements and government decisional processes through the examination as a whole of its regulatory capacity. This is done with a view to understanding the regulatory capacity of Kenya in addressing the vulnerabilities presented by technological innovation in the financial industry for consumers after financial inclusion. It also examines the way that mobile payments have been regulated by criticising the piecemeal approach that the Central Bank of Kenya has taken in addressing the legal and regulatory issues presented by mobile payments.
The book argues there are significant gaps in the regulatory regime of mobile banking in Kenya.

**Euthanasia, abortion, death penalty and religion - the right to life and its limitations: international empirical research**
**Hans-Georg Ziebert, Francesco Zaccaria (Springer-Verlag, 2018)**

This book considers how the termination of life might be accepted in the view of a general obligation to protect life. It features more than 10 papers written by scholars from 14 countries that offer international comparative empirical research. Inside, readers will find case studies from such areas as: India, Chile, Germany, Italy, England, Palestine, Lithuania, Nigeria, and Poland.

The papers focus on three limitations of the right to life: the death penalty, abortion, and euthanasia. The contributors explore how young people understand and evaluate the right to life and its limitations. The book presents unique empirical research among today's youth and reveals that, among other concepts, religiosity matters. It provides insight into the acceptance, perception, and legitimation of human rights by people from different religious and cultural backgrounds.

This investigation rigorously tests for inter-individual differences regarding political and judicial rights on religious grounds, while controlling for other characteristics. It will help readers better understand the many facets of this fundamental, yet controversial, philosophical question. The volume will be of interest to students, researchers, as well as general readers searching for answers.

**The Dutch Constitution beyond 200 years: tradition and innovation in a multilevel legal order**
**Giuseppe Franco Ferrari, Reijer Passchier, Wim Voermans (Eleven International Publishing, 2018)**

This Italian-Dutch collaboration provides the first comparative thematic coverage of the Constitution of the Netherlands in English. The book’s unique method of a dialectic confrontation between scholars from different countries yields fascinating discussions about famous peculiarities of the Dutch Constitution. Among other subjects, the volume covers the Dutch Constitution’s extreme openness towards international and European law, its combination of parliamentary democracy and a monarchy, its political consensus culture, and its ban of constitutional review by the judiciary. This book aspires to be a helpful account of Dutch constitutional law as well as a useful contribution to global constitutional literature. As the two leading constitutional scholars Tom Ginsburg and James Melton aptly noted, the successful constitutional experience of the Netherlands can be a source of inspiration for other countries who seek to enhance the endurance and efficacy of their own constitutional arrangements. The Dutch Constitution beyond 200 Years will be a reference point for all students and scholars eager to engage in insightful debates surrounding one of the oldest and most efficient constitutions of the world.

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**People news**

Laura Griffiths has recently been promoted to the post of Academic Services Manager within IALS Library.

Laura joined the Library in 2005 and previously held the role of Academic Services Librarian.

In her new role Laura is responsible for the staff and activities of the Academic Services section, the commercial Document Supply Service and the Library Administrative Office.

IALS Library is sad to say goodbye to archivist Cathy Williams.

Cathy is moving on to a new position at King's College. We wish Cathy all the best for the future.

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